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Pesticide Security is  
Everyone's Responsibility!

- Make sure all pesticide storage areas are locked.
- Be aware of who has keys and access to storage areas.
- Post all storage areas.
- Regularly inspect storage areas.
- Keep inventory records readily available.
- Sell pesticides only to authorized persons/applicators.
- Secure all pesticide application equipment.
- Make sure that you have the appropriate PPE for all persons/employees.
- Report any suspicious activity.
- Report any theft of pesticides or equipment immediately!



**TO REPORT ANY  
SUSPICIOUS OR  
UNUSUAL ACTIVITY:**

- Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency
- Contact the local FBI Field Office
- Contact ISDA  
Tel: (208) 332-8610  
Fax: (208) 334-3547  
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# Pesticide *Updates!* **Emergency Alert!**

## Pesticide Security

***Division of Agricultural Resources***

### Pesticide Security for Applicators and Dealers

The events of September 11, 2001 will forever change the way we look at our world. As pesticide applicators, dealers and distributors, we need to pay particular attention to our activities in regard to pesticide security. Pesticide products could be used intentionally to harm our citizens and therefore, we all need to remain vigilant and follow a few important precautions to safeguard and secure all pesticide products.

#### Private Applicators

Pesticide products should always be kept in a secured storage area that is not accessible by any person other than the applicator or grower. This is not only good practice for safety reasons, but locked storage will keep unauthorized persons from altering a pesticide or stealing the products. This is particularly important for those pesticides that are highly toxic or corrosive such as aluminum or magnesium phosphide and other fumigants.

The best option is to purchase only the pesticides you will need for a season. However, even with the best planning, you may have unused or leftover pesticides. If you do have unusable pesticides, either dispose of them properly or call ISDA for assistance/guidance. ***Do not sell or give pesticides to someone that you do not know.*** Remember that pesticide products could be used in any number of ways to cause harm to our citizens. Poisoning water supplies or food commodities are a few examples.

Make sure that all of your application equipment (including tanks, pumps and sprayers) are securely locked or stored in areas that make theft difficult.

#### Professional Applicators

Follow all mandated storage requirements for pesticide storage listed in the Idaho Pesticide and Chemigation Law and Rule. Ensure that you limit the access to your pesticide storage areas to only authorized persons/employees. Make sure that all pesticide products are properly inventoried on a regular basis. Pay particular attention to highly toxic or corrosive pesticides such as aluminum or magnesium phosphide and other fumigants. These precautions will do much to deter the theft or alteration of your pesticides.

Equipment security is essential. It was determined that terrorists have studied using aerial application equipment as weapons against our citizens. Other application equipment may also be used as weapons such as misting or fogging equipment that is commonly used for mosquito abatement or other pest control applications.

Security is essential, not only from an economic standpoint but also for public safety.

#### Pesticide Dealers

Pesticide dealers or distributors need to follow all requirements for pesticide storage listed in the Idaho Pesticide and Chemigation Law and Rule. Ensure that you limit the access to your pesticide



storage areas to authorized persons/employees. Make sure that all pesticide products are properly inventoried on a regular basis.

The most important security practice for pesticide dealers is to check the pesticide license information of the buyer. Remember that pesticide dealers may not sell any restricted-use pesticide to persons that do not have a valid Idaho Private or Professional Applicator License. Additionally, Professional Applicators need to be properly licensed in a category the pesticide may be used. Be suspicious of anyone purchasing a large amount of highly toxic pesticides with cash. If you have any questions concerning the validity of a pesticide license, please contact the ISDA Pesticide Licensing and Training Section at (208) 332-8600.

#### Summary

Pesticide applicators and dealers must act on their responsibility for securing our pesticides and application equipment. As society must work to prevent atrocities to our citizens, we must be vigilant to prevent our products and equipment from becoming weapons against our citizens. ***For more information, contact ISDA at (208) 332-8600/8609.***

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## Contact Information for ISDA Representatives

The following are the names and telephone numbers of ISDA's Division of Agricultural Resources Staff. Staff members will assist you with your pesticide related concerns.



We are available to answer your questions 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Mondays - Fridays with the exception of recognized holidays.

### Field Staff -

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